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1. US protests proposed Egyptian action on shipping--The Department of State has instructed US Embassy Cairo to deliver a note to the Egyptian Government protesting Egypt's proposed action with respect to shipping approaching the Palestine coast, as outlined in a 17 May memorandum. The memorandum stated that merchantmen or transports "would be exposed to the measures" that the Egyptian Government is "obliged to take in order to insure the security of its troops in Palestine." The US note declares that the Egyptian Government is attempting to prohibit the freedom of navigation in the Mediterranean and to extend its control to waters beyond the jurisdiction of Egypt.

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